

**MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

July 25, 2001
MAG Office, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Councilmember Greg Stanton for Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman	Supervisor Andy Kunasek, Maricopa County
* Mayor Ron Drake, Avondale	Mayor Keno Hawker, Acting Chair, Mesa
Vice Mayor Alan Newberry for	Mayor Edward Lowry, Paradise Valley
Mayor Dusty Hull, Buckeye	* Mayor John Keegan, Peoria
* Mayor Edward Morgan, Carefree	Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Queen Creek
Vice Mayor Ralph Mozilo, Cave Creek	* President Ivan Makil, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Councilmember Dean Anderson for	Councilmember Robert Pettycrew for
Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler	Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale
Mayor Roy Delgado, El Mirage	Vice Mayor Thomas Allen for
* Mayor Sharon Morgan, Fountain Hills	Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise
* Mayor Chuck Turner, Gila Bend	* Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe
* Governor Donald Antone, Gila River Indian Community	* Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
Mayor Steven Berman, Gilbert	Mayor Larry Roberts, Wickenburg
Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale	Mayor Daphne Green, Youngtown
Vice Mayor Seth Kanter for	F. Rockne Arnett, ADOT
Mayor Bill Arnold, Goodyear	Dallas Gant, ADOT
Mayor Margarita Cota, Guadalupe	Bill Beyer, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee
Vice Mayor Ken Jones for	*+Mayor Douglas Coleman, Apache Junction
Mayor J. Woodfin Thomas, Litchfield Park	

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

+Non-voting

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Regional Council was called to order by Acting Chairman Keno Hawker at 5:05 p.m. Acting Chairman Hawker stated that non-action items would be considered until a quorum was met.

4. Call to the Audience

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Acting Chairman Hawker recognized public comment from DD Barker, who noted that she has made previous statements on the record that she disagrees with the conformity analysis. Ms. Barker stated that she commented at the Management Committee meeting that in the conformity analysis document,

the control measures are alternative fuels for buses. In the Short Range Transit Plan, the buses use diesel. She stated that she had received a response from MAG, although not the response she wanted, because the amounts and dates when the buses would be placed were not supplied. Ms. Barker stated that no study nor EIS were being done for light rail. Ms. Barker stated that persons on the Executive Committee have served more than one term, even though the elections are held annually. She stated that a choice meeting both gender and geographic balance could have been made. Ms. Barker stated that Mayor Shafer should have been given a chance. Ms. Barker stated that participation in air quality is our responsibility. She encouraged multi-modalism. Ms. Barker performed a cartwheel. Acting Chairman Hawker thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Acting Chairman Hawker recognized public comment from Joseph Ryan, who commented on air quality. He stated that Maricopa County's population is forecasted to increase by 1½ million in the next 20 years. Mr. Ryan stated that this increase translates into carbon monoxide and other air pollution generators. He noted that passenger departures for Sky Harbor Airport will almost double by 2021, thus resulting in more airport staff to serve them. Automobile commuting by this airport staff will contribute to an increase in carbon monoxide. Mr. Ryan stated that it is unbelievable that the population will almost double, yet the air quality model demonstrates significant reductions in air quality. Acting Chairman Hawker thanked Mr. Ryan for his comments.

Acting Chairman Hawker noted that a quorum was present.

Acting Chairman Hawker recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who displayed a newsletter from the "Friends of Transit." Mr. Crowley mentioned that serving on the Board are Mayor Rimsza, Tim Bidwill, Ken Driggs, and Alan Wulkan, who speaks out of both sides of his neck. Mr. Crowley stated that their mission is to make light rail go faster and be completed sooner. Mr. Crowley commented on planned light rail routes along Osborn Road, Encanto Boulevard, and Roosevelt Street. He stated that there is no bus service on Osborn Road. Encanto Boulevard does not extend past Central Avenue because of the Heard Museum and the Roosevelt bus goes only east from Central Avenue. Mr. Crowley commented that buses are needed on the half mile streets. Mr. Crowley encouraged completion of the express terminal on I-10. He stated that there is not a stop at Viad, but there is one at Acacia Park. He stated that there is skullduggery behind these decisions. Acting Chairman Hawker thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Chairman Hawker introduced two new Regional Council members and presented them with their membership certificates. He welcomed Vice Mayor Ralph Mozilo from Cave Creek and Mayor Daphne Green from Youngtown.

Acting Chairman Hawker recognized proxies Vice Mayor Alan Newberry for Mayor Dusty Hull, Buckeye; Councilmember Dean Anderson for Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler; Vice Mayor Seth Kanter for Mayor Bill Arnold, Goodyear; Vice Mayor Ken Jones for Mayor J. Woodfin Thomas, Litchfield Park; Councilmember Greg Stanton for Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix; Councilmember Robert Pettycrew for Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale; and Vice Mayor Thomas Allen for Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise.

Acting Chairman Hawker stated that the RPTA has agreed to provide transit tickets for those who used transit to come to the meeting.

Acting Chairman Hawker stated that for agenda item #24, Update on Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force, a revised draft letter and comments regarding the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force preliminary recommendations were at each place.

3. Approval of June 21, 2001 Meeting Minutes

Acting Chairman Hawker asked if there were any changes to the minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2001 meeting. Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr moved for approval, Mayor Steve Berman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Executive Director's Report

James M. Bourey stated that he would serve on the Ad Hoc Committee on noise attenuation barriers. The Committee had been established by the State Legislature.

Mr. Bourey reported on the Governance Task Force and Advisory Committees. He stated that the Task Force has met four times and a fifth meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 26, 2001. Mr. Bourey noted that meeting agendas for both committees are transmitted to the Regional Council, Management Committee and Intergovernmental Liaisons. He noted that a report from the Task Force would be forthcoming in mid-August.

Mr. Bourey stated that the Resource Allocation Advisory Committee has been meeting to recommend the amounts of revenue available for programming in regions for the fifth year of the TIP. He noted that \$577 million is available for the fifth year.

Mr. Bourey stated that MAG will host the Intermodal Planning Group 2001 Western States Conference. The conference this year will include all three western regions. Mr. Bourey stated that the conference, which includes transportation professionals from the Western United States, will be held September 30 to October 2, 2001.

Mr. Bourey provided an update on the Regional Transportation Plan. He stated that expert panel forums and focus groups have been held. The focus is now on drafting the State of the Region report and developing scenarios with stakeholders to test transportation solutions.

Mr. Bourey introduced new MAG staff members. Peter Burnett is a GIS specialist with a Bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University. Elaine Trammel is an Information Processing Specialist, who replaced a former staff member. Ms. Trammel formerly worked at the City of Glendale. Michelle Green will be working in the Regional Development Planning program. Ms. Green received her Bachelor's degree from St. Mary's University and her Master's from Technical University, both in Nova Scotia. Acting Chairman Hawker thanked Mr. Bourey for his report and asked if there were any questions.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda

Acting Chairman Hawker stated that public comment is provided for consent items. Each speaker is provided with a total of three minutes to comment on the consent agenda. After hearing public comments, any member of the committee can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually.

Acting Chairman Hawker stated that agenda items #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #19, #20, #21, and #22 were on the consent agenda.

Acting Chairman Hawker recognized public comment from Mr. Crowley, who stated that he would comment on agenda items #10, #12, #7, #14, and #15. For agenda item #14, Finding of Conformity for the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan 2001 Update, Mr. Crowley asked when the I-10 express terminal will be completed. He stated that if the City of Phoenix is not going to finish the project, they should abandon it and turn it over to the State. Mr. Crowley stated that the City of Phoenix is not taking into account the state's largest employer, the State of Arizona, when planning light rail and express bus service. He stated that there are many items on the agenda pertaining to the TIP and LRTP. Mr. Crowley stated that not all get the RPTA agenda. He stated that the Chair has said that representation from MAG is needed at public hearings. He spoke about his conversations with Mr. Brown that the I-10 express terminal was not in the plans for completion. Mr. Crowley stated that he does not need shills, that he needs for transit to be done. He encouraged rail use capabilities in Gilbert, Glendale, and Peoria. Acting Chairman Hawker thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Acting Chairman Hawker recognized public comment from Mr. Ryan, who stated that a MAG document states that the region's air quality in 2021 will be in compliance for carbon monoxide produced by light cars and trucks. He indicated that they are only a portion of the producers. Others include heavy trucks, planes, factories, power stations and homes. Mr. Ryan stated that MAG's assumptions and forecasts are flawed. He referred to an attached table that showed differences in forecasts. He stated that the light rail lines will worsen air quality. Acting Chairman Hawker thanked Mr. Ryan for his comments.

Acting Chairman Hawker asked if any member requested that an item be heard. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Delgado moved, Councilmember Pettycrew seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Proposed Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Regional Council, by consent, approved an amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include the City of Phoenix Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (BR) funded study project, the advance design phase of a City of Goodyear traffic signal project, and the ADOT Scenic Byways funded project on State Route 88 in eastern Maricopa County in FY 2001. The FY 2001-2005 MAG TIP was approved by the Regional Council on July 26, 2000. It is necessary to amend this TIP to incorporate two projects that have recently been identified as requiring federal funds in FY 2001. These are a City of Phoenix Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (BR) funded study project and the advance design phase of a City of Goodyear traffic signal project. The Management Committee recommended approval of the amendment. On July 17, 2001, ADOT requested the addition of a Scenic Byways funded project on State Route 88 in eastern Maricopa County to FY 2001 of the existing TIP. These three projects are exempt projects for air quality analysis purposes and the consultation is included under agenda item #16.

8. Proposed Amendment to the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the amendment to the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to change the following project: I-10, 59th Avenue to 83rd Avenue, to increase the number of through lanes from three to four in each direction, in addition to the auxiliary lanes being added. On March 28, 2001, the Regional Council approved the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for an air quality conformity analysis. Since that date, a request has been received from ADOT to change the number of through lanes on one of their projects. An air quality conformity regional emissions analysis was completed on this project and an amendment of the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG TIP to include this revised project is requested. The required action is considered a major TIP amendment. Consultation on the conformity assessment for this amendment is considered under agenda item #17. The Management Committee recommended approval of the amendment.

9. Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP Guidance Report

The Regional Council, by consent, accepted the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program Guidance Report. Each year MAG updates the MAG Transportation Management Systems Report. This year, recognizing the importance of this annual update as the start of the annual TIP development cycle, the report has been re-titled as the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program Guidance Report. The report is prepared as a guide for jurisdictions to use in selecting projects to be included in the new TIP. The report includes the results of the management systems as well as socioeconomic factors and has been expanded to include the application forms for MAG Federal funds. The Management Committee recommended acceptance of the report.

10. Enhancement Funds Working Group Round IX Recommendations

The Regional Council, by consent, approved that the ranked applications from the MAG Enhancement Funds Working Group be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Transportation for consideration by the State Transportation Enhancement Review Committee. The Enhancement Funds Working Group was formed by the MAG Regional Council to review and recommend a ranked list of Enhancement Fund applications from this region to the State Transportation Enhancement Review Committee (TERC). This year, 16 enhancement fund applications for local funds were received totaling \$6,438,570 with approximately \$7.5 million available statewide. Nine applications for state funds were received totaling \$4,687,489 with approximately \$5.5 million available statewide. The Working Group recommends that the attached ranked applications be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for consideration by the TERC. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation of the Working Group.

11. Consultant Selection for the MAG East/West Mobility Study

The Regional Council, by consent, approved of the consultant firm ENTRANCO to conduct the MAG East/West Mobility Study for an amount not to exceed \$170,000. The MAG Planning Work Program includes a consultant study to analyze existing mobility constraints and identify road improvements to facilitate east/west traffic flow in the central-north/northwest area of the region. A request for proposals was advertised and three proposals were received. A multi-agency review panel evaluated the proposals and reached a consensus that the consultant firm ENTRANCO be selected to conduct

the study for an amount not to exceed \$170,000. The Management Committee recommended that ENTRANCO be selected for the study.

12. Federal Fiscal Year 2001 MAG Federal Funds Interim and Final Closeout and Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the following to close out the MAG Federally funded program: (1) \$716,000 (CMAQ) for the purchase of two bus rapid transit vehicles for Phoenix; \$600,000 (CMAQ) to advance the design of two arterial crossings of US-60 (Superstition Freeway), and \$500,000 for regional light rail development; (2) use additional OA that may become available during the next three months to advance the purchase of transit vehicles from future years of the TIP; (3) use any remaining OA (up to \$141,150) for a City of Tempe traffic signal emergency vehicle preemption project; (4) amend the FY 2001-2005 TIP to add the Phoenix bus rapid transit project, the ADOT Superstition Freeway crossing projects, and the Tempe traffic signal emergency vehicle preemption project in FY 2001, and (5) to “loan” any unused OA to ADOT, to be reimbursed the following fiscal year. The MAG Federal funded program for FY 2001 is drawing to a close. To accommodate any redistributed and/or any other uncommitted Obligation Authority (OA) that may become available, it is customary to identify potential projects that could utilize the OA at very short notice and these projects need to be already included in the current TIP. At their meeting on June 26, 2001, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) made recommendations for utilizing any additional OA that become available. The Management Committee concurred with the TRC recommendation.

13. Requested Change to the MAG Regional Freeway Program

The Regional Council, by consent, approved switching the priorities for the section of the Red Mountain Freeway from Power Road to University Drive, currently scheduled for completion by December 2006, with the priority for two sections of the Santan Freeway from Higley Road to Power Road and from Williams Field Road to Higley Road, currently scheduled for completion by March 2007. The City of Mesa and the Town of Gilbert have requested that the schedule for the section of the Red Mountain Freeway from Power Road to University Drive be switched with the Higley Road to Power Road and the Williams Field Road to Higley Road on the Santan Freeway. The Red Mountain segment is scheduled for completion in December 2006 and the two segments of the Santan are scheduled for completion in March 2007. The requested action would schedule the Santan segments for December 2006 completion and the Red Mountain segment by March 2007. The total cost for the Red Mountain (\$95.5 million) and the Santan projects (\$87.8 million) are similar in magnitude. Therefore, this requested change does not materially impact the cash flow for the Regional Freeway Program. The Management Committee recommended approval.

14. Finding of Conformity for the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan 2001 Update

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the finding of conformity for the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan 2001 Update. The Draft 2001 Conformity Analysis concludes that the Draft Transportation Improvement Program and the Long Range Transportation Plan meet all applicable federal conformity requirements and are in conformance with applicable air quality plans. Approval of the conformity finding by the

Regional Council is required for MAG adoption of the TIP and LRTP. The Management Committee recommended approval of conformity for the TIP and LRTP.

15. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for an Administrative Adjustment to the Draft FY 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program

An administrative adjustment to the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is necessary to incorporate minor project revisions and exempt new projects. MAG has reviewed the projects for compliance with the federal conformity rule and has found that the project changes require consultation on the conformity assessment. The projects may be categorized as minor project revisions or as exempt. The exempt projects do not require a conformity determination. The results of the Draft 2001 MAG Conformity Analysis for the TIP and Long Range Transportation Plan 2001 Update would be unchanged by this action.

16. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for Proposed Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The City of Phoenix has requested an amendment to add a new Bridge Load Rating Study project to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. In addition, the City of Goodyear has requested an amendment to add a new project for the design of conduit and fiber cabling on Litchfield Road (Smart Corridor). On July 17, 2001, ADOT requested the addition of a Scenic Byways funded project on State Route 88 in eastern Maricopa County to FY 2001 of the existing TIP. The proposed new projects are exempt from a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment are due by July 20, 2001.

17. Consultation for a Proposed Amendment to the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan 2001 Update and to the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The proposed amendment to the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan 2001 Update (LRTP) and to the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes requested changes to four projects. These include changing the number of through lanes on I-10 from 59th Avenue to 83rd Avenue from three to four lanes in each direction, and switching the completion dates for a segment of the Red Mountain Freeway with two segments of the Santan Freeway. The results of the regional emissions analysis indicate that these proposed changes to the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan 2001 Update and the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG TIP do not affect the Draft 2001 MAG Conformity Analysis.

18. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for Proposed Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for the FY 2001 Final Closeout

The final closeout of the FY 2001 federally funded program requires an amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for a City of Tempe traffic signal vehicle preemption project. In addition, four other projects have been requested: two projects for the design of dual left turn lanes at the Superstition Freeway at the Val Vista Drive and Stapley Drive traffic interchanges, the purchase of two bus rapid transit vehicles, and a project for preliminary engineering for regional rail development. These projects are exempt from a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment are due by July 20, 2001.

19. Revised Funding Distribution for the Clean Cities Dedicated Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the revised distribution of the \$70,000 in grant monies from the U.S. Department of Energy for the Clean Cities Dedicated Alternative Fuel Rebate Program. On July 26, 2000, MAG was awarded the Clean Cities Dedicated Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program grant for \$140,000 by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). On May 1, 2001, MAG was informed by the DOE that due to budget constraints only \$70,000 would be available to fund 35 vehicles. In addition, the DOE indicated that the grant monies would be redistributed from any coalitions that had not spent any rebate monies by July 1, 2001. Since the funding for this grant was significantly reduced, the Chairman of the MAG Clean Cities Committee requested that all participating entities submit adjustments to their initial funding requests. The revised distribution of the \$70,000 in grant monies has now been prepared. The Management Committee recommended approval of the distribution.

20. Consultant Selection for Development of a MAG Visibility Modeling System Project

The Regional Council, by consent, approved of the consulting firm ENVIRON to develop the MAG Visibility Modeling System Project for an amount not to exceed \$74,931. The FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Program includes a \$75,000 project to develop a visibility modeling system for evaluating the changes in visibility associated with control measures in Maricopa County, Arizona. A Request for Proposals was advertised and one proposal was received. On July 3, 2001, a multi-agency evaluation group reviewed the proposal and reached a consensus that the consulting firm ENVIRON be selected for an amount not to exceed \$75,000. The Management Committee recommended approval of the selection.

21. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Town of Buckeye Sundance Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Town of Buckeye Sundance Wastewater Treatment Facility. The Town of Buckeye has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include the Sundance Wastewater Treatment Facility with an ultimate capacity of 3.6 million gallons per day. Excess reclaimed water from the facility would be disposed of through reuse, recharge and discharge to the Roosevelt Irrigation District Canal. The Maricopa County unincorporated area is within three miles of the project, and the County has indicated they do not object to the proposed facility. On July 5, 2001, the MAG Water Advisory Committee recommended approval of the amendment. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation.

22. 9-1-1 Budget Request to the Arizona Department of Administration for Equipment and Operating Funds

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the MAG FY 2003 PSAP Funding Request and MAG FY 2003-2007 PSAP Equipment Program, and the request for 9-1-1 operating funds for submission to the Arizona Department of Administration. On June 21, 2001, the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Committee recommended the FY 2003-2007 Public Safety Answering Point Equipment Program for submission to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). In addition, the Oversight Committee recommended requesting funding from the ADOA for operating funds. These operating funds are from the recently enacted 9-1-1 legislation. The requested operating funds would begin the

implementation of the 9-1-1 Five Year System Management Plan that was approved by the Regional Council in November 2000. This plan addressed all areas of the system including administration, budget, database maintenance, equipment and growth for the region's 9-1-1 emergency telephone system. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendations of the Oversight Committee.

23A. FY 2001 MAG Final Phase Public Input Opportunity

Acting Chairman Hawker stated that presentations would be given first on agenda items #23A, #23B, and #23C, followed by discussion and action. He clarified that because 23A, 23B, and 23C were considered one agenda item, public comment from each speaker would total three minutes for all combined.

Jason Stephens gave a presentation on the MAG FY 2001 Final Phase Public Input Opportunity. He stated that MAG co-sponsored several public input opportunities in June and July 2001, including the Juneteenth Celebration and MAG at the Mall with the Arizona Department of Transportation, Regional Public Transportation Authority and Valley Connections. The open house/public hearing provided information on the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), various aspects of the Long Range Transportation Plan 2001 Update and Draft 2001 MAG Conformity Analysis. Mr. Stephens summarized the input received, which was included in the Final Phase Input Opportunity Report.

23B. Approval of the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Paul Ward gave a presentation on the Draft FY 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He described the process for the annual drafting and approval processes of the TIP, which that lists all required transportation projects in the MAG region for up to the next five years. Mr. Ward displayed a pie chart that showed the source of funds for the draft TIP, which totals \$4.57 billion. He showed pie charts of funding allocation by mode and total of federal funds received by MAG.

23C. Approval of the Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan 2001 Update

Roger Herzog provided members with a presentation on the Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan 2001 Update. Mr. Herzog stated that the LRTP 2001 Update is a multi-modal plan. He stated that some of the items addressed in this Update include: 1) extending the time horizon to 2021; 2) incorporation of the Regional Off Street System (ROSS) Plan; 3) identification of the preferred connection of Loop 303 to I-17; and 4) incorporation of the Park-and-Ride Lot Plan. Mr. Herzog displayed maps of the freeway plan, the Intelligent Transportation System, local bus service, express bus plan, and the light rail plan. Regarding the express bus map, Mr. Herzog noted that, based on input from MAG member agencies, park and ride site locations would be adjusted in the area of Agua Fria Freeway and 51st Avenue and Glendale Avenue.

Acting Chairman Hawker recognized public comment from Mr. Crowley, who stated that each is deserving of three minutes of comment. For agenda item #23A, he stated that his documents turned in for the trip reduction plan last year were not included in that year's report, only a list of the documents. He stated that a comparison of last year's State Trip Reduction Plan with this year's is not included. Mr. Crowley requested the letter from Mr. Bourey about Mr. Crowley being denied access to the public hearing last year be included in the document. He stated that last year, Acting

Chairman Keegan said for Mr. Bourey to write the letter and Chairman Rimsza said it was at the discretion of the Chair. For agenda item #23B, Approval of the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, he commented that amounts in the Short Range Transit Plan and the Long Range Transportation Plan are not consistent. For agenda item #23C, Approval of the Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan 2001 Update, the park and ride numbers do not equal a tripling of the 1989 plan. Mr. Crowley stated that five times the 1989 level is needed to be standard today. What about Anthem? He stated that transit needs to be considered regionally. Mr. Crowley stated that MAG needs to be quadrupling transit service, then tripling it three more times down the road. Acting Chairman Hawker thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Acting Chairman Hawker recognized public comment from Mr. Ryan, who stated that he had spoken in the past to Jack Tevlin that rapid transit could make money after fully allocating costs. He referred to the cost comparison he provided at the June Regional Council meeting that showed that rapid transit provided the highest revenue and the trolley the lowest. Mr. Ryan commented on getting the most bang for the buck from TEA-21 funds. He suggested that a multi-modal terminal should be designed at the west end of Sky Harbor Airport. The terminal would anticipate the future needs for interconnectivity for local and express bus service and rapid transit. Rapid transit bus and light rail routes should connect the Phoenix/Tempe area with the suburbs, which would reduce vehicle miles. The new rights of way for rapid transit and express bus service should not compete with existing express bus routes, but be designed to relieve traffic on freeways. Mr. Ryan encouraged members to invest dollars into something better than streetcars. Acting Chairman Hawker thanked Mr. Ryan for his comments.

Acting Chairman Hawker asked if there were any questions on agenda items #23A, #23B, or #23C. Mr. Beyer stated that Mr. Ryan had made some interesting points and that MAG had put forth a lot of effort. He requested that if a response is drafted that it be shared with CTOC. Mr. Bourey replied that could be provided.

Councilmember Dean Anderson moved to accept the FY 2001 MAG Final Phase Input Opportunity Report; approve the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program contingent upon a finding of conformity of the TIP with the applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans; and approve the Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan 2001 Update contingent upon a finding of conformity of the LRTP with the applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans. Mayor Delgado seconded, and the motion carried, with Mayor Green abstaining. Mayor Green explained that she had not had sufficient review of the items.

24. Update on Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force

Mr. Bourey stated that a summary of the preliminary recommendations of the Governor's Vision 21 Task Force was prepared and transmitted to the Regional Council, Management Committee and Intergovernmental Liaisons. He stated that since mailing the summary, comments were received from member agencies. These comments were incorporated into the version that was faxed earlier in the day to the Regional Council, Management Committee and Intergovernmental Liaisons. Mr. Bourey noted that a copy of this version was at each place. He asked if there were any questions or requests to review the material in detail.

Acting Chairman Hawker recognized public comment from Mr. Crowley, who stated that Mary Peters is a member of the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force. Her input would be relevant.

He commented that he did not like the way that MAG operated with the Task Force. Mr. Crowley indicated that he heard the Chair say that MAG would hold up the Task Force recommendations for two years, if need be. Phoenix city staff attended the Task Force meetings. Mr. Herp and Mr. Brown expressed concern for splitting the half cent sales tax for transit. Mr. Crowley mentioned that they stated they wanted it for transit, but they really mean light rail. He stated that he appreciates the standards Ms. Peters has brought to the position. Her predecessor stated his opposition to a City of Phoenix transit vote, which lost by 122 votes. Mr. Crowley stated that all need to work together to become more multi-modal. Put in crosswalks and bike lanes and protect the public with paint. Mr. Crowley stated that MAG is parochial. Wickenburg needs two bypasses, not just one. Acting Chairman Hawker thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Acting Chairman Hawker stated that the summary was well written and covered the major issues. He indicated that he did not agree with all points. Acting Chairman Hawker asked if there was any discussion.

Supervisor Andy Kunasek stated that he could not support MAG's position. He stated that he disagreed that a newly created transportation authority would create another layer of government. Supervisor Kunasek stated that having the County Supervisors as a Board of Directors would not be establishing another board, such as a community college district. Supervisor Kunasek stated his opposition to the statement that this would create a fragmented process, but rather the process would be streamlined. He indicated that the Board would be duly elected and accountable to citizens. Supervisor Kunasek thanked the members.

Roc Arnett stated that he had reviewed the summary and agreed with a response being sent to the Task Force. Mr. Arnett stated that he had comments on the State Board Representatives section. Mr. Arnett stated that the summary did not spell out how the State Transportation Board would be reorganized. He stated that the section should be removed or should be revised to indicate that the Board has done a good job. Mr. Bourey stated that MAG does not take a position on support or opposition to the State Board. He indicated that maintaining the current working relationship between MAG and the Board is the reason.

Bill Beyer stated that MAG has formed two new committees to study governance. He suggested that it may be premature to send a response to the Task Force prior to completion of the committees' work. Acting Chairman Hawker stated that the response to the Task Force was precipitated by the State open houses being held for comment on the preliminary recommendations. Mr. Bourey further explained that the last day for comment on the preliminary recommendations is July 26, 2001.

Acting Chairman Hawker stated that a key point of disagreement for him is the separation of land use from transportation. He explained that land use control has always been designated to cities and it will not work to have another group planning the transportation.

Mayor Elaine Scruggs commented on the State Transportation Board section. She indicated her interpretation that no change in the present Board structure is needed; therefore, the current structure is supported. Mr. Bourey stated that there were two basic components to the response. If the district representation is taken away, there would be lessened accountability in regard to geographical areas. The second component would take away decision making from MAG. Mayor Scruggs asked if the Task Force's preliminary recommendation would be for a different structure. Mr. Bourey replied that was correct.

Acting Chairman Hawker asked if Mr. Arnett's objection was to the reference to At-Large members. Mr. Arnett replied that he opposed proposed restructuring. Mr. Arnett commented on adding an endorsement that the State Board has done a good job, particularly in the past three years. Mr. Bourey stated that the Regional Council has not taken a position previously to support nor oppose changes to the structure of the Board. He recommended that the Regional Council remain neutral over the number of members. Mr. Arnett suggested additional wordsmithing may be needed. Mr. Bourey suggested adding language to clarify At-Large members from districts. Mr. Arnett asked if this issue was time sensitive. Mr. Bourey replied that a response needed to be finalized because the next Regional Council meeting would not be until October.

Mayor Scruggs suggested the following: "The proposed restructuring would not enhance the decision making process for statewide transportation matters." Mr. Arnett stated that language would be acceptable.

Acting Chairman Hawker asked if there were further comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the revised modification to the State Transportation Board section. Mayor Roy Delgado moved, Mr. Arnett seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Acting Chairman Hawker asked for a motion to forward the letter and summary on the preliminary recommendations to the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force. Councilmember Robert Pettycrew moved, Mayor Delgado seconded, and the motion carried, with Supervisor Kunasek voting no.

25. Support of Mary Peters as Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration

Mr. Bourey stated that President George Bush announced his nomination of Mary Peters, Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation, to head the Federal Highway Administration. Mr. Bourey stated that the nomination of Ms. Peters is subject to confirmation by the Senate. He noted that sending a statement of support would be a timely action because the Senate will recess August 2, 2001. Mr. Bourey stated that if the Regional Council approves support of this nomination, a letter will be sent from the Regional Council Chairman. He expressed his appreciation for the good working relationship with Ms. Peters.

Mr. Arnett stated that this is a red letter day for Arizona, to have had the caliber of Mary Peters and to be nominated by the President. Mr. Arnett spoke of the high points of Ms. Peters' tenure, including an increased multi-modal awareness, establishment of the State Infrastructure Bank, Board Funded Obligation Notes, and Grant Anticipation Notes. Mr. Arnett stated that the use of these financial vehicles that she helped to implement, accelerated completion of the freeway system from 2014 to 2007. For this acceleration, the region will be grateful when it is completed. Mr. Arnett stated that nationally, engineers have embraced and supported Ms. Peters. He mentioned another accomplishment of Ms. Peters, the design build process, which is being used to accelerate completion of construction projects, such as those on US 60 and I-17.

Acting Chairman Hawker commented that he has worked with Ms. Peters. He indicated that the only reason to vote no was to keep her in Arizona.

Mr. Arnett moved to recommend fully supporting the nomination of Mary E. Peters to head the Federal Highway Administration. Mr. Beyer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

26. MAG Regional Videoconferencing System Update

Heidi Pahl gave a presentation on the Regional Videoconferencing System (RVS) via the System. Ms. Pahl stated that the RVS will provide a regional videoconferencing system that will link MAG member agencies. She explained the equipment included in the system. Ms. Pahl stated that implementation is nearing completion with videoconferencing equipment installed at 28 sites, training conducted at 17 sites and 26 site coordinators trained to use the equipment. Ms. Pahl explained the responsibilities of the site coordinators, who will serve as the liaison and main point of contact. She explained the plan to market the RVS both internally and externally, by the use of promotional materials and presentations. Ms. Pahl expressed her thanks to the MAG Telecommunications Advisory Group and site coordinators for their efforts on the project.

Acting Chairman Hawker thanked Ms. Pahl for her demonstration. He asked if the system was capable of showing multiple screens. Ms. Pahl explained that is the function of the multi-point conference server. It divides the screen into quadrants, so different participants are seen in each quadrant. Mr. Bourey commented how the system will facilitate participation by agency staff.

Acting Chairman Hawker announced that a progressive dinner for the members of the Regional Council and their staff who have confirmed their dinner reservations would be held in the MAG offices. He asked for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Berman moved, Mayor Delgado seconded and the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary